

**PRO SP 63/115/15**

*John Norris to Burghley, 7 March 1584/5*

**Address and Endorsement**

To the right Honorable my very good Lord  
{the} Lord Burghley  
{Lord hi}gh Treasurer  
{of E}ngland ./ \*

7<sup>o</sup> Martij. 1584.  
Mr Iohn Norris.  
Mr Lambert ./

**Text**

Right Honorable & my very good Lord with the rest  
which doe write in the favour of this gentleman Mr Lambert, I should doe him great wrong, yf I should not in like sort deliuer vnto your Lordship my knowledg of his good desert, seing that he was vnder myne owne5 leading at what tyme I was directed by my Lord Deputie in his late Northerne iourney, with some bandes to compasse the enemy on the further side, in the which by very hard hap, he chaunced to fall into their handes, who spoiling & sore wounding him, lefte him onely life, which since by meanes of his great hurtes hath bene very hardly preserved. In all which perill his carriage neuerthelessse was so manly & well seeming, as besides deserte of great commendation, yt may Challenge rightfully some pitifull consideration & regard to bee vsed towardes him for his relief & maintenaunce, being through his maymes vtterly dishabled from helping him self{.} In respect whereof I beseech your Lordship to yield him your favorable furtheraunce for the obteyning thereof from her Maiesty both to the relief of his extremitie, & to the encoraging of\* all Seruitoures by ensample thereof to putt them selues more willingly into daungeres. And euen so25 leaving him to your Lordships good consideracion; I committ

you to the proteccion of the Almighty. Dublin.  
the vij<sup>th</sup> of March. 1584. /

Your Lordships euer assured at Command{,}

John Norreys

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¶**Note on hands**The address and main text of the letter, including the subscription, are written in Spenser's usual secretary hand. Norris has added his autograph signature. The endorsement is in an unfamiliar italic, probably added after receipt of the letter in London.

\* **Address {the} Lord Burghley {Lord hi}gh Threasurer {of E}ngland ./]** part of the address has been obscured by removal of the bands originally used to seal the letter, but the intention is obvious from context, and from similar letters.

¶\* **23 of]** 'of' inserted above the line, with a caret mark.

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